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Appl. No. 09/915,854

Docket No. EMC2-086PUS

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and again examine the claims as amended.

Claims 1, 4 and 6 have been canceled.

Claim 2 has been re-written into independent form and amended to correct a grammatical error by inserting the word "or", as indicated.

Claim 3 has been amended so that the terms "anticipated" and "unanticipated" are replaced with the terms "expected" and "unexpected" as suggested by the Examiner. This change is being made to move the prosecution along since it is applicant's position that there is no difference between the term "anticipated" and "unexpected" in the context of the subject matter of this application/

Claim 5 has been amended to remove the term "*a priori*" in order to move the prosecution along since it is applicant's position that the term "*a priori*" is well known in engineering and in the context of the subject matter of this application to mean "known beforehand".

The claims have been amended to change the term "such" to "said" in order to move the prosecution along since it is applicant's position that the term "such" is proper in the context used in the claims.

Claim 3 has been amended to correct the spelling of the term "fault".

The term "adapted" has been removed in order to move the prosecution along since it is applicant's position that the term "adapted" is proper in the context used in the claims.

Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to remove the Examiner's rejection under 38 CFR 1.75(i).

Claim 8 has been amended to remove one of the double ";;".

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

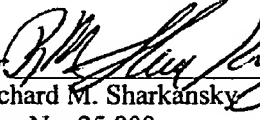
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